

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12, with the following paragraph:

The above-mentioned problems can be solved by transforming the process of the commodity sales to employees into a process using electronic data. For instance, if the seller of the commodities makes an electronic catalog of the commodities and transfers it to the terminal of each employee, the burden on the welfare department is thought to become light. In addition, if E-commerce is introduced for the settlement of payments, that will also make the burden on the welfare department light.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, as follows:

It is true, however, that the scheme of commodity sales to employees is one of welfare services by the company for the employees, which is not a business directly producing a profit. Thus, virtually no budget is given for transforming the commodity sales to employees into an electronic system. The actual situation is, therefore, that transformation of the process of the commodity sales to employees into ~~the~~ a process using electronic data has not been implemented in most companies.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, as follows:

A method of the present invention is used in a system where commodity sales are made using a shopping site on a network. The method ~~including~~ includes the following steps: judging whether a customer who has accessed via the network is a constituent member of a particular group; selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the particular group upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer; and selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10, as follows:

The seller (the provider of the commodity-sales service) 10 is assumed to be ~~an~~ a business entity independent from the company A and company B in this embodiment, but is not limited to it. For instance, the seller 10 can be one organization of the company A, and can sell commodities to general end-user customers as well as to the employees of the company A.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, as follows:

Furthermore, either of the following forms for selling commodities of the seller 10 can be adopted[[;]]: the seller 10 which is one organization of the company A sells commodities to general end-user customers without special favor and to the employees of the company B with special favor; the seller 10 sells commodities to the employees of both of the company A and company B with special favor; and the seller 10 sells commodities to general end-user customers without special favor and to the employees of both of the company A and company B with special favor.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 8, as follows:

The company A and the company B each have their own welfare department, which is the department of the companies in charge of employee welfare. This department may be under the personnel department, depending upon the company, and may have another name. Please note that in this specification the “welfare department” is used as the department in charge of employee welfare including jobs related to the commodity sales to employees.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3, as follows:

(3) The seller 10 stores the employee information provided by each company in the employee database 20. An example of the employee database 20 is shown in Fig. 2. The employee information is stored, as per ~~company~~ ~~to~~ the company to which each employee belongs, using a company code as the key. The “company code” is an identification number that the seller 10 uniquely assigns to each company. The employee information about each employee is stored in the region of each company to which each employee belongs using the employee number as the key. In this embodiment, the “name” and “password” corresponding to the employee number are registered as the employee information.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 10, as follows:

In the embodiment that has been explained with reference to Fig. 1 ~~to~~ through Fig. 11, the dedicated URL is assigned to the company that has concluded a commodity-sales-to-employees contract with the seller 10, but the present invention is not limited to the embodiment. That is, the present invention includes, for example, the method for judging whether the commodity sales to employee's service is to be implemented on the basis of the access route to the sales system 30.